History of Legion Post Auxiliary

Appomattox Unit 104, American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Virginia had a most successful year under the leadership of its president, Mrs. John S. Moore. Serving with Mrs. Moore were the following officeres: Mrs. E. T. Bruce, first vice-president; Mrs. Shearer Robertson, second vice-president; Mrs. Ivey Holland, secretary; Mrs. Cliff Harvey, treasurer; Mrs. C. T. Moses Jr., Historian and Mrs. Peyton Harvey, Chaplain.

The following served as chairmen of the Standing Committees:

Americanism Mrs. Ipey Holland, Child Welfare Mrs. A. G. Gaines, Civil Defense Mrs. John C. Cole, Community Service Mrs. Shearer Ropertson, Constitution and bylaws Mrs. E. L. Stanley, Education and Scholarship Mrs. Ivey Holland, Finance Mrs. Cliff Harvey, Girls State Mrs. Ivey Holland, Junior Activities Mrs. C. T. Moses Jr., Legislatve Mrs. John A. Mathews, Membership Mrs. E. T. Bruce, Music Mrs. Robert Montgomery, National Security Mrs. John S. Moore, Patrick Henry Boys Platation Mrs. C. T. Moses Jr., Pan American Study Mrs. John S. Moore, Past President Parley, Mrs. Shearer Robertson, Poppy Mrs. Cliff Harvey, Publicity Mrs. John S. Moore, Rehabiliation Mrs. R. D. Robinson.

A joint Americanism program was held with The American Legionin December at which time the film "Operation Abolition" was shown This film was also shown at a Lions Club meeting and both the Junior and Senior classes in Appomattox High School. Twenty-four Flags of the United States and brackets have been purchased at a cost of $14.72 for each room in the Appomattox High School and will be installed prior to the opening of school in the fall of 1962. The American Legion School Award was again presented to two outstanding citizens of the Senior Class, Appomattox High School on graduation night and a new plaque with their names engraved was presented to the school. Mrs. Ivey Holland, Americanism Chairman, made these presentations and the two recipients of this award were Miss Nancy Chandler and Mr. Richard Hamilton. The total cost was $41.20. One member talked to the seventh grade at Appomattox Elementary School on flag Etiquette program on child welfare was presented in April at which time a teenager spoke on "Why Stay in School" $5.00 was sent the Department for its Child Welfare assesment, and the Chairman of food and clothing from the members for a Christmas basket for a Veteran and his family $3.04 was spent by the Unit on this basket.

A joint meeting was held with the American Legion on Civil Defense at which time Mr. John C. Cole, Civil Defense coordinatio for Appomattox County spoke. The public was invited to this meeting. One member has built a fall out shelter and several others are in the community.

As a Community Service project, the unit sponsors three Brownie Scout troops, and spent $37.50 this year for their support. One member is serving as Brownie leader; one as a Intermediate Girl Scout Leader and Neighborhood Chairman; one a troop organizer for the Neighborhood; one as Neighborhood Consultant and one on the troop committee. The unit contributed $10.00 to the newly organixed Rescue Squad and several members helped with fund raising for the squad $5.00 was contributed to the Heart Fund and several members solicited on Heart Sunday. The unit entertained the American Legion at birth day Dinner in March and the District President, Mrs. John Bright spoke on "Community Service". Three members took a First Aid Class.

The Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary was repeated in Unison at each meeting and was led by the Constitution and Bylaws Chairman. A copy of the unit Constitution and Bylaws is on file in the Department office.

At the request of the Education and Scholarship chairman $5.00 was contributed to the Kate Waller Barrett Scholarship Fund.

The unit operated on a budget prepared by the Finance committee and aproved by the members at the September meeting.

The unit sponsored one girl to Girl State, and secured the expense for another from the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Traveling expenses for both girls was paid by the unit. These girls gave a report of their trip to the unit at the Oeober meeting. The uni president accompanied these girls to a meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce when they gave a report of their trip to that group and at this time the president also presented a certificate of appreciation to the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Even though the Junior Activities has not been organized on an active basis, there are seven Junior members in the unit. Five junior voted in the "Junior Jury Poll" for the best radio or TV program for the year six dollars has been collected for Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, the Department Junior Activities project for the year. The project-"A Dime a Month for Patrick Henry Boys Plantation".

The membership chairman got an early start on Membership and the Delegates went to the Convention with a paid up membership of 100 per cent of the previous year which was 34 members. By Fall Conference membership has increased to 39 which made the unit a quota unit (last years membership plus 5) for which the unit won a $5.00 prize.

At the September meting a Music program was presented. Miss Peggy Godsey, daughter of a member, Accompanied on the piano as the members sang the "Hymns of the Month" and "To The Auxiliary".

The program on National Security consisted of a tape recording of a speech delivered to the Fall Conference by the Honorable A. Willie Robertson, United State Senator from Virginia.

Mr. James Hall, a Spanish Teacher at Appomattox High School presented a most interesting program in May on Colombia. The Pan American Study for the year. He closed the program by singing "How Great Thou Art" in Spanish-the language of Colombia.

Post president were urged to support the Past President Parley project for the year and $2.50 has been collected and mailed for this project giving TV for use by the women patients in the veteran hospitals.

$40.00 has been contributed to Patrick Henry Boys Plantation and an additional $5.00 for an In Memorian gift was sent for Mr. DuVal, our president's father.

2,000 Poppies were ordered and Poppy Day was observed on may 26. with 7 members and 1 junior member helping with the poppy sales. Grossed proceeds this year reached $219. 38 Net proceeds after the cost of the poppies and local expenses were deducted and a check of $26.32 for 10 per cent of the proceeds mailed to the Department were 136.39.

Publicity of the meetings was put in the local newspaper and this History will be printed in the local Newspaper, also.

A program on Rehabilitation was presented in February and a movie entitled "Back to Life" was shown. basket of fruit were carried to a former member and a woman veteran in a rest home and a box of dusting powder was taken to the woman veteran at a cost of $4.80. The following contributions were sent to the Department: Entertainment of Veteran-$10.00 Travel Emergency Fund- $5.00; Rehabilitation per conita-$2.60; and to the Gift Shops-$45.00.

The ways and means committee has been busy. Two dinners were served and a total of $171.27 was realized on them. There is a balance in the General Fund of $196.76; and a balance in the Poppy Fund of $177.83.

Five members attended the Department Convention; Five also attended the District Sshool of instruction. The unit was represented at both the Fall and Spring Conferences and 3 members attended the Annual Disriet meeting.

One of our members, Mrs. C. T. Moses Jr. has served as Junior Activities Chairman for the Department of Virginia this year, and she is our Candidate for the office of Department Vice-President for the second and fourth Districts for next year.

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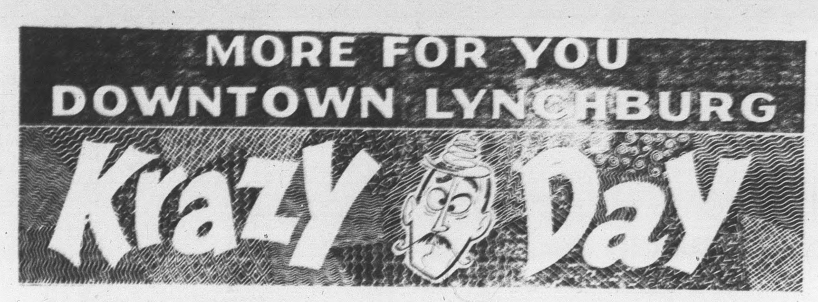

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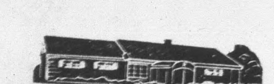
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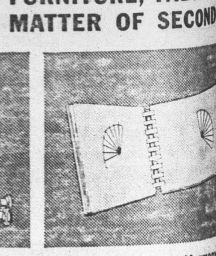
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Stonewall July 9, We, realy had a hard rain and lots of wind on Sunday evening, every thing looks lovely.

Mrs. Ellsie Caldwell of Lynchburg spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell and Kathy.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carson and children of Roanoke spent last Firday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and girls and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Showalters and Steven, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawarnce have returned home from their vacation in N. C. and spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chich and his mother Mrs. J. H. Beard.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children of Richmond spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

So glad to hear Mr. Rufus Burnett is feeling lots better hope he will soon be real well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davidson and children, Ronnie and Timothy, and Mr. Jessie Davidson visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cason Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Harding and son on Sunay night.

Mrs. Lawrence Jones and two children of Brookneal spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Davidson.

Miss Carey Anne Carson a nurse at Virginia Baptist Hospital is spending her vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Carey Carson.

Miss Bettie Jane Alvis of Longwood College spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis.

Miss Caroline Stratton is visiting her uncle Mr. Thompson and his family in North Carolina. She is also attending a girls camp out there.

Mrs. S. E. Anderson, Mrs. Martin Krause and Mrs. Etta Routen attended a family picnic in Lynchburg last Friday at the home of Mrs. Mag Cardwell.

We want to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Philip Scruggs who were married last week at Appomattox. We wish for this fine young couple a long and happy life together. Mrs. Scruggs is the former Miss Bettie Routen.

Mrs. S. E. Anderson and Mrs Martin Krause spent last Tuesday in Lynchburg with Mrs. Willie Taylor and her family.

So sorry to hear Mrs. Tilden Lee is back in the Lynchburg General Hospital, we wish for her a speedy recovery.

AMERICAN TOURISTS

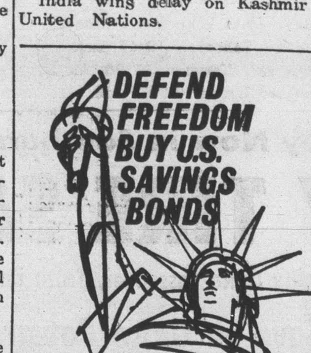
During the sumer months, a great many Americans visit foreign countries. The result of this tourist activity is varied and affects both our diplomacy and our economic status. Americans, for many reasons, have not made spectacular good will ambassadors to the countries which they have visited.

Many of the foreigners who have discussed our visitors to their countries feel that we exhibit an air of superiority when we are out visiting with the "natives." Many have felt that we have not properly acquainted ourselves with their customs and traditions, and do not make any attempt to understand the country we are visiting.

When visiting a foreign country, the opportunity is certainly present to give the country visited a better understanding of our citizens and how our citizens feel. While traveling, each of us should constantly remember this and try to act accordingly.

Khrushchev urges Rumanians to work harder.

India wins delay on Kashmir in United Nations.



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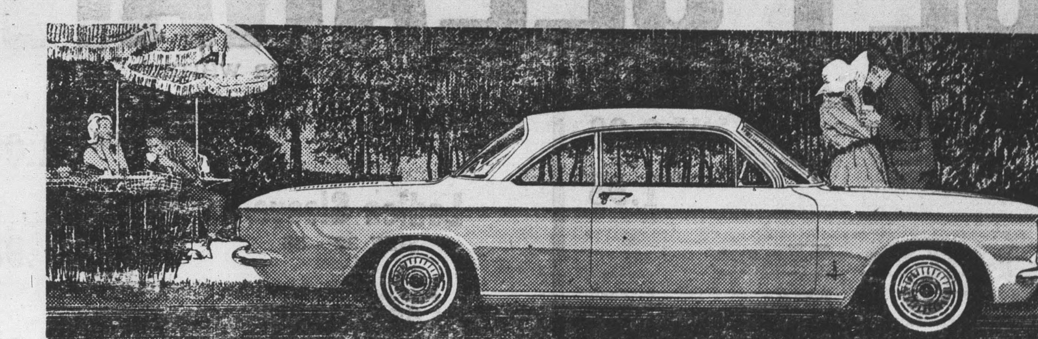
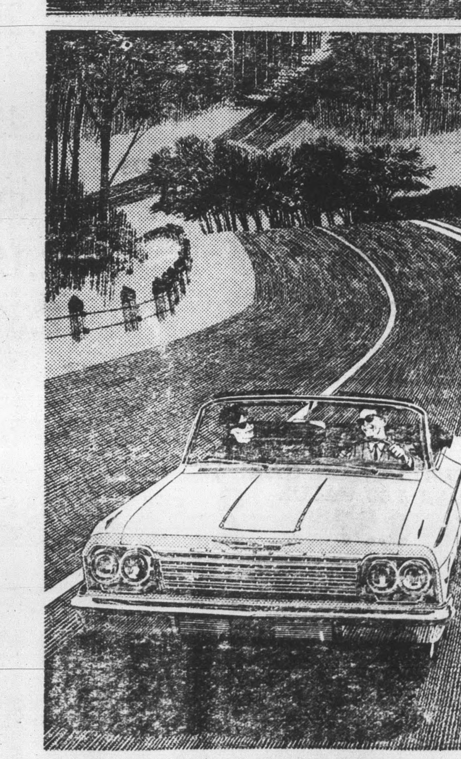
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